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ATTENTION: LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, AMB. GEORGE ALDRICH  
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SUBJECT: PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL  
WEAPONS (MSG3): SUMMARY OF SECOND WEEK

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SUMMARY: INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE RULES OF PROCEDURE  
CONTINUING. BUREAU AND RAPPOREUR ELECTED. INFORMAL  
AND FORMAL WORK ON SUBSTANCE BEGUN. US DELEGATION IN-  
FORMED PRESIDENT AND ALLIES OF FIRM POSITION ON CONSENSUS.

1. PREPCON ON SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS HAS COM-  
PLETED ITS SECOND WEEK. BUREAU HAS BEEN ELECTED, WITH  
ROBERT AKKERMAN AS RAPPOREUR. BUREAU HAS DECIDED THAT  
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PROCEDURE AND SUBSTANCE WILL BE CONSIDERED CONCURRENTLY  
BY PREPCON, AND DISCUSSIONS OF BOTH HAVE BEGUN.

2. MAIN PROCEDURAL QUESTION REMAINS ISSUE OF CONSENSUS  
OR VOTING ON MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS  
AMONG INTERESTED STATES HAVE PRODUCED MUCH DEBATE ON  
MEANING AND DESIRABILITY OF CONSENSUS, BUT NO CONCRETE

RESULTS. WITHIN WESTERN LIAISON GROUP, MANY HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE SHORT OF STRICT CONSENSUS, AND SOME HAVE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT ISSUE WILL BE DECIDED TO OUR DISADVANTAGE BY NEXT UNGA IF THERE IS DEADLOCK AT THIS PREPCON; GROUP HAS WORKED ON POSSIBLE FALLBACK FORMULAS, INCLUDING A VARIANT OF THE LOS PROCEDURE, AND A FORMULA INCORPORATING CONSENSUS BUT PREVENTING VETO BY ANY ONE DELEGATION. US HAS INFORMED GROUP OF FIRM US POSITION AGAINST COMPROMISE ON CONSENSUS AT THIS POINT, AND GROUP HAS AGREED TO CONTINUE PUBLIC SUPPORT OF CONSENSUS. (HOWEVER, AT LEAST ONE OF DRAFT FALLBACK PAPERS - CONSENSUS BUT NOT VETO - HAS BEEN SHOWN TO OTHERS OUTSIDE GROUP, AND OTHER DRAFT MAY BE LEAKED.) MEANWHILE, PRESIDENT HAS BEGUN PRIVATE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY DELEGATIONS ON ISSUE; IN BILATERAL WITH US, HE ATTEMPTED VIGOROUSLY TO PERSUADE US OF NECESSITY OF COMPROMISE, BUT WAS TOLD WE WERE FIRM ON CONSENSUS. PRESIDENTS INTENTIONS ON HANDLING OF ISSUE IN FINAL WEEK ARE UNCLEAR.

3. OTHER PROCEDURAL ISSUES SEEM TO BE MOVING TOWARD RESOLUTION. ISSUE AROSE EARLIER ON WHETHER COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA HAD RIGHT UNDER DRAFT RULES TO VOTE, AND SECRETARIAT HAS ISSUED LEGAL OPINION TO EFFECT THAT IT DOES NOT; THIS SHOULD SETTLE ISSUE UNLESS AFRICAN GROUP LATER ATTEMPTS TO AMEND RULE TO GIVE COUNCIL EXPLICIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RIGHT TO VOTE.

4. SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS BEGAN IN MID-WEEK. SWEDEN (BLIX) MADE SURPRISINGLY CONCILIATORY STATEMENT AND INTENDS TO TABLE NEW PROPOSALS ON SMALL-CALIBER PROJECTILES IN FINAL WEEK; SWEDISH EXPERTS HAVE INFORMALLY ADVISED US THAT THEY INTEND TO DROP CRITERIA ON VELOCITY, TUMBLING, DEFORMATION AND BREAKUP, AND TO PROPOSE ENERGY DEPOSIT AS BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING CRITERIA ON SMALL-CALIBER PROJECTILES. MILITARY EXPERTS FROM WESTERN LIAISON GROUP COUNTRIES HAVE HELD INFORMAL SESSIONS TO DETERMINE WHAT MODIFICATIONS TO NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SATISFY NORWEGIANS AND DANES ON ONE HAND, AND FRG ON THE OTHER. THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE INTO FINAL WEEK. VANDEN HEUVEL

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